



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of April 1 – April 15, 2017)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones arrested a Chicago man and an Arlington Heights man for falsification of records and hunting turkeys without valid permits. The Chicago man was also cited for hunting deer without a valid permit after it was discovered he had taken a deer in November. Written warnings were issued for not signing a permit, falsification of deer applications, hunting deer without a valid permit, and unlawful take of a whitetail deer.

A Maquoketa, Iowa woman was cited for violation of the posted closing at Mississippi Palisades after CPO Jones observed an open bottle of Vodka in the car. The woman had to pour out the vodka and was issued a written warning for illegal transportation of alcohol. The other subjects with her were issued written warnings for violating the closing period.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri investigated a possible deer permit violation. The man from Taylor Ridge, IL was cited for failing to check his deer on the same day it was harvested.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas and CPOT Thornley were checking fishermen in Ogle County when they discovered a fisherman without his license in possession. During a check, it was discovered the subject had an active warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested and taken to the Ogle County jail. A warning was issued for fishing license not in possession.

While on patrol in Ogle County, CPO Teas observed a man driving a go-kart down the highway. The man drove across the highway in front of CPO Teas and stopped. When the CPO asked if he had a valid driver's license, the man informed CPO Teas that it was currently revoked. During the stop, the go-kart driver was found to be in possession of 74 pills of NORCO and no type of prescription. The man was arrested and transported to the Ogle County jail where he was charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving while license revoked.

CPO Teas attended and spoke at a USSA Dream Hunt in Ogle County. This was the 9th year for the hunt in the area, and 8 of the 11 hunters harvested a turkey.

While checking fishermen at White Pines State Park in Ogle County, CPO Teas observed two subjects preparing to leave. CPO Teas approached the fishermen for a compliance check. While one of the fishermen was retrieving his newly purchased fishing license from his pocket, he also inadvertently removed a bag of cannabis "wax" which fell to the ground. More cannabis and several items of paraphernalia were soon located as well. Both fishermen received civil cannabis and paraphernalia citations.

ROCK ISLAND

CPO Posateri attended the safety briefing at a youth pheasant hunt organized by the Pheasants Forever on the Boyd's Game Preserve. Due to the unexpected cold weather, half of the youth did not attend. However, there were still approximately 15 kids in attendance, and they had a great time.

CPO Posateri attended the monthly meeting for the Moline Conservation Club and gave a short presentation about the duties of a CPO. They also had a discussion on regulations for boating, fishing, camping, and other outdoor activities.

CPO Francisko has been busy checking fisherman and boaters during this last reporting period. A total of 4 citations and 27 written warnings were issued for various fishing and boating violations.

CPO Francisko attended Riverdale High School's IHSA Bass Fishing Tournament on 4-8-2017. At 5:45am at the Rapids City boat launch, the CPO inspected numerous boats participating in the event. The inspections were conducted prior to launching to ensure the safety of all involved. Any issues were resolved prior to the boats departing.

CPO Francisko attended a boat safety class on 4-8-17. The CPO taught IL boating laws to class participants.

While on foot patrol at Hennepin Canal State Park, Sgt. Petreikis located four subjects hunting in a restricted area. Two of the subjects ran during the investigation in order to hide evidence (a dead Canada goose and a .22 rifle). Both subjects were apprehended. Six citations and several warnings were issued to the subjects for taking a Canada goose out of season with a rifle.

STEPHENSON

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE

While on boat patrol on Mississippi River Pool 13, CPOs Jones and Teas received a call of a subject who had gotten his boat stuck in shallow water and was unable to free it. The CPOs located the subject and attempted to assist him in freeing his boat. Due to the shallow water and strong winds, the CPOs' boat almost became stuck as well. The CPOs instructed the man to gather his belongings, and they gave him a ride back to his truck at the ramp. CPO Jones contacted a local boat dealer who agreed to bring out a surface drive boat and recover the boat.

District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

While conducting routine patrol, CPO Wagner observed a 4-wheeler leaving a rural farm field. The individual was observed with 330 conibears used for beaver trapping. After a short discussion, CPO Wagner discovered the individual was trapping without a valid trapping license, no habitat stamp and untagged traps. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Wagner were on a uniformed patrol of Matthiessen State Park when they observed three hikers off the trail. When questioned, one hiker ran. The other hikers were found to be in possession of alcohol and nearly 30 grams of cannabis. Both hikers were charged with possession of cannabis, and one was also charged with possession of paraphernalia. The hiker with the majority of the cannabis also possessed over \$500 in cash which was seized. The third hiker was later caught and taken to jail for resisting a police officer.

CPO Kaufman responded to a fatal kayak accident on the Vermilion River in Streator. Three individuals were kayaking down the Vermilion River when one of the kayaks struck a log hung up on a bridge support. The kayak flipped over, and the individual entered the water. The other 2 kayakers made several attempts to save the individual in the water, but he went under the water and did not resurface. Two days later, Ottawa River Rescue recovered the kayaker's body 1 mile downstream from the accident site. At the time of the accident, the river was just below flood stage, and the current was moving two times faster than normal.

CPO Filipiak was on patrol and observed a boat, that had lost power, floating down the Illinois River. The individuals were observed using oars to try and get to shore but the river current was too strong. After multiple attempts to find help, Tug boat operator David McNight was able to assist in towing them back to Illini State Park Boat Launch before they were sucked into the Marseilles Dam. The boat operator neglected to put the plug in the back of the boat. After a boat safety compliance check, the individuals were found to be in violation of no valid boat registration, no operational fire extinguisher, multiple batteries not covered nor secured to the boat, no valid trailer registration, and possession of an open title.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While checking a person sport fishing along the Pecatonica River for the appropriate permits, CPO Fraser arrested the individual on a valid warrant for their arrest.

CPO Fraser conducted fishing license compliance checks in downtown Rockford. During the checks, multiple citations were issued for no fishing license and obstructing identification. Multiple subjects attempting to avoid compliance checks were stopped and subsequently issued citations. One subject successfully fled on foot, leaving his friends to receive the citations.

After observing numerous fishing violations in downtown Rockford and local forest preserves, CPOs Fraser and Murry conducted a plain clothes detail to better observe fishermen and attempt to prevent fleeing subjects. Fortunately, very few violations were observed during the details, and more are planned for different times and locations to catch any violators.

CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven observed a group of ATVs and dirt bikes operating on a public highway near the Rockford Airport. CPO Schoonhoven attempted to stop the vehicles, however, they fled the area. A short time later, the CPOs observed the group drive into a wooded area. The CPOs proceeded into the woods on foot and were able to apprehend two of the dirt bike riders. The riders were arrested for various vehicle code violations including fleeing to elude.

CPO Alt arrested a Winnebago County man who, during the archery deer season, unlawfully harvested two antlered Whitetail deer using his wife's deer permits. He then falsified the deer harvest record by indicating his wife killed the deer. Several weeks later, the man traveled to Pike County where he unlawfully harvested a 9 point antlered Whitetail deer during the firearm deer season thereby exceeding his two buck season limit and making that deer harvest and possession unlawful. In January, the man pleaded guilty in Pike County court for the unlawful harvest and possession of the 9 point antlered deer and received \$377 in total fines and costs plus three months court supervision. In March, the man pleaded guilty in Winnebago County court for

the unlawful harvest and possession of two antlered deer as well as multiple charges for falsification of deer harvest records and received \$1,500 in total fines and costs.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted a commercial fishing detail on the Mississippi River in Pool 19.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MARSHALL

No activity reported for this county

MCDONOUGH

No activity reported for this county

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell conducted an investigation of a deer hunter for violations that occurred during the 2016 firearm deer season. The Hanna City man was issued one citation for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. Written warnings were issued for unlawful possession of deer and failure to report deer harvest by 10:00 pm on the day of harvest.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited two fishermen for the illegal take of more than 20 short fish at Spring Lake Fish & Wildlife Conservation Area. Multiple citations were issued to each subject.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid cited an out-of-state hunter for unlawfully taking a Whitetail deer during the firearm deer season.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard completed annual hazardous materials training.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Schreiber **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAKE COUNTY

On a tip from CPO Davis, CPO Kelley helped recover an injured pelican on Petite Lake. Unfortunately, while the pelican made it to surgery at Flint Creek Wildlife, it died shortly thereafter. The people who called in about the injured bird were grateful for the attempt at restoring it to health.

CPOs Kelley and Davis were able to remove 3 fox kits from underneath a shed in Dundee. Flint Creek Wildlife is helping raise and return them to the wild. People who have seen posts about the foxes have been appreciative of the efforts of both the IDNR and the rehab clinic.

CPO Kelley issued several fishing warnings to people fishing on local bodies of water.

District 2 Conservation Police Officers with the assistance of the Lake County Gang Task Force and Park City Police Department, executed a search warrant for a Park City residence. During the search warrant, officers found and seized 1 Dwarf Caiman, 1 Morelets Crocodile, 1 American Alligator, 1 Alligator Snapping Turtle, and United States currency. The offender was arrested for 4 counts of unlawful possession of special use herptiles without a permit, 1 count for unlawful possession of an endangered species, and 2 citations for civil offenses.

CPO Vaughan taught the game law section for a hunter safety program in Grayslake. Approximately 75 students were in attendance.

CPOT Knop and CPO Davis issued civil citations to two subjects for cannabis at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

CPO Semenik was contacted by a Gages Lake resident. The resident explained there was a duck that appeared to be tangled in some fishing line under a tree across the shore. CPO Semenik went to the abandoned property where the ducks were located. There was a fishing rod and reel along the back side of the tree and there were actually two mallard drake ducks tangled in the fishing line coming from the rod and reel on shore. The upright duck was actually slowly drowning the other duck attached to its feet. CPO Semenik

entered the water with the fishing pole to free the ducks. While pulling the ducks on shore to untangle them, there was also a channel catfish on the end of the line. CPO Semenik released the catfish and spent a significant amount of time removing the line from the two mallards. The two ducks were released without any significant injuries. CPO Semenik later tracked down the owner of the fishing pole, and an appropriate charge was cited.

CPO Semenik was patrolling the Chain O' Lakes in a workboat when he observed a boat violating the Fox Waterway no wake restriction. The operator of the boat was subsequently arrested for operation of watercraft while under the influence of drugs (OUI). Cannabis and drug paraphernalia were also seized as evidence.

CPO Semenik and CPOT Knop patrolled small lakes in Lake County utilizing a department workboat. Several citations and written warnings were issued for various sport fishing and boat registration and safety violations.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis and CPO Winters cited subjects trespassing and operating ATVs without permission on private property in McHenry, IL.

CPO Davis completed investigations on four markets selling aquatic life. Two citations and two written warnings were issued for no retail aquatic life dealer's license.

CPO Davis cited a subject for fishing without permission on private property.

CPO Davis attended AIMPOINT firearms training in Pawnee.

CPO Semenik was patrolling an abandoned property lake in McHenry County. There has been a standing complaint at this location for several years, and there is strictly no trespassing. CPO Semenik observed three fisherman fishing the shoreline. While making contact with the fisherman, several ATV's and dirt-bikes were observed riding around on the property. After the three fisherman were cited and released, CPO Semenik radioed CPOT Knop for assistance. The CPOs coordinated a plan to apprehend the ATV and dirt-bike operators. When CPO Semenik approached the operators, they all fled in different directions after emergency lights were activated for them to stop. Moments later, CPOT Knop was able to apprehend one of the dirt-bike operators that fled and was hiding in the woods. All operators involved were eventually identified and apprehended. Citations and written warnings were issued for unlawfully fishing without consent of landowner (fishing without permission), no fishing license, unlawful operation of ATV on private property without consent, criminal trespass to land, and failure to stop after signal from police to stop.

District 3 – Sgt. Wollgast
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson investigated a bicycle accident on the I&M Canal Trail between Morris and Seneca. During a bicycle race, one rider hit a stick which caused him to be thrown from his bike at approximately 20 mph. The subject was transported to the hospital where he received multiple stitches to his face and was later released.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland conducted fishing enforcement and canoe/kayak checks in Kendall County on the Fox River. Seven warnings and a citation were issued for various lifejacket and registration violations and no fishing license.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes was checking fishermen at Braidwood Lake and issued a written warning for no valid fishing license and a citation for 2 poles and line.

CPO Reid issued 2 written warnings for fishing w/o permission and no registration on a subject with a carry in watercraft to a restricted forest preserve lake.

CPO Reid issued 8 written warnings to a group of 4 fishermen on the Kankakee River. All 4 either had no license or no proof of license, and all 4 were setting 20+ limb lines on every overhanging branch along the river bank. CPO Reid actually got tangled in the first one and almost got a hook buried in him which is how he found them

District 4 – Sgt. **(Counties: Cook & DuPage, Lake)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO Klemme and CPO Mooi have been investigating a scuttled boat in the Grand Calumet River. Several interviews have been conducted with the assistance of the Coast Guard criminal investigators. Charges and removal of the vessel are pending the completion of the investigation.

CPOT Ausmus was notified of an odor of smoke coming from Eggers Woods, adjacent to William Powers State Park. CPOT Ausmus found a grass fire, possibly a remnant from a controlled burn. CPO Ausmus was able to stomp out most of the fire prior to CFD's arrival. CPOT Ausmus was then able to direct CFD to the scene where the rest of the fire was put out.

CPOT Ausmus conducted fishing compliance checks at numerous lakes in Cook County. Several written warnings were issued for minor violations.

CPOT Ausmus completed an investigation and inspection of an abandoned PWC. Several months ago, a Palos Heights resident purchased a foreclosed home at a Sheriff's Auction which contained a PWC. The new owner contacted CPO Macias to determine the proper steps needed to claim ownership, title, and registration of the PWC. The subject sent a certified letter to the last registered owner which was returned unopened months later. CPOT Ausmus met with the subject, verified all documentation, and completed a watercraft title/registration inspection sheet. The new owner is now able to apply for title and registration in his name.

CPOT Ausmus conducted recreational boat safety inspections at various lakes within Cook County. Several minor violations were observed, and enforcement action was taken.

While checking in-land trout fishermen at William Powers State Park, CPOT Ausmus came across an angler that had cut his thumb while preparing his fishing bait. CPOT Ausmus was able to provide the angler with some first aid items so he could sanitize and bandage the wound, allowing him to continue fishing.

CPOT Thornley patrolled various IDNR trout-stocked ponds. CPOT Thornley checked several fishermen at Green Lake. One citation was issued for fishing without a license, and a written warning was issued for no trout stamp.

CPOT Thornley patrolled William Powers State Recreation Area. While on patrol, Sgt. Whitchurch clocked a vehicle going 34 mph in a 15 mph. The vehicle was stopped. The registration for the vehicle was suspended by SOS. Further investigation by Sgt. Whitchurch and CPOT Thornley found the driver to have a suspended driver's license and to be driving with no insurance. The smell of burnt cannabis was coming from the vehicle. The driver admitted to having cannabis in the vehicle. CPOT Thornley cited the subject for no valid insurance, driving while license suspended, and operation of vehicle with suspended registration. The driver was issued a written warning for speeding in a state park. The driver was issued a civil citation for the cannabis, and the vehicle was towed.

CPOT Thornley conducted several boat safety inspections at Wolf Lake. One citation was issued for unlawful operation of unnumbered watercraft. Five written warnings were issued for equipment violations.

CPOT Thornley checked several trout fishermen at Wolf Lake. CPO Thornley issued two written warnings for no trout stamp.

CPOT Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at Green Lake and Wolf Lake. CPOT Thornley issued 3 written warnings for no inland trout stamp and one citation for no fishing license. CPOT Thornley conducted a traffic stop on vehicle after it ran through the red light. A citation was issued for disobeying a traffic control device.

CPOT Thornley patrolled William Powers State Recreational Area. CPOT Thornley issued 3 citations to ATV riders riding illegally at William Powers. CPOT Thornley conducted 3 boat safety inspections. One citation was issued for insufficient PFD's and one written warning was issued for no cut off lanyard. CPOT Thornley issued 2 written warnings for no fishing license.

CPOT Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at Green Lake with no violations found. While at Green Lake, CPOT Thornley noticed a subject fishing then quickly leave the area. CPOT Thornley attempted to stop him, but the subject made it to his vehicle and left. CPO Thornley was able to get a description of the person

and vehicle. While conducting sport fish enforcement at Dolphin Lake, CPO T Thornley spotted the subject who left Green Lake earlier. The subject was again fishing. He was checked for compliance, and a citation was issued for no fishing license.

While Patrolling Green Lake, CPOT Stanbary cited a female driver for no valid registration. The female driver entered the park driving a late model Mercury with its exhaust system dragging on the ground. Upon further investigation, CPOT Stanbary learned the vehicle was improperly displaying another vehicle's registration, and the driver was unable to provide valid proof of insurance. The female was issued several written warnings to address the vehicle code violations. A fisherman at Green Lake was issued a written warning for an expired sport fishing license.

CPOT Stanbary cited a non-resident fisherman at William Powers for no valid sport fishing license and additionally issued him a written warning for no inland trout stamp.

CPOT Stanbary was patrolling William Powers SFWA after closing hours. He located three Walleye fishermen that were fishing 2 hours after closing time. The men parked at a closed gate and walked around it to access the State property. All three men were cited for entering a restricted area when closed. CPOT Stanbary was assisted by CPOT Sanford during the incident.

CPOT Stanbary initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing the passenger hanging out the window of the vehicle at an intersection. CPOT Stanbary observed that neither the driver nor passenger were wearing their seatbelts. Both men were issued citations for failure to wear seatbelts.

CPOT Stanbary issued 3 written warnings to people fishing with expired fishing licenses in Cook County Forest Preserves. CPOT Stanbary also cited a fisherman at Maple Lake for fishing with no valid sport fishing license.

CPOT Stanbary taught a hunter safety course at the Lincoln Center in Downers Grove on 04/06. CPOT Stanbary shared with the class what the duties and responsibilities of a Conservation Police Officer are. He previewed pertinent information on current hunting laws, highlighted any recent changes and emphasized the importance of hunting safely.

CPOT Stanbary conducted a timber truck inspection after locating a disabled timber truck in Palos Heights. The driver was hauling pine logs from a recent clear cutting operation. After a review of the driver's paperwork, no violations were noted.

CPOT Stanbary conducted numerous fish checks in and around the Cook County forest preserves. Cold weather and recent rains had slowed fishing activity. Written warnings were issued for using too many fishing devices, unattended fishing devices and expired fishing licenses. One out-of-state fisherman was issued a citation for no valid sport fishing license and a written warning for no inland Trout stamp.

CPOT Stanbary patrolled the Lake Michigan Harbors. A non-resident angler was cited for attempting to use a resident sport fishing license. Two other anglers were issued written warnings for untagged devices. A fisherman at William Powers State Fish & Wildlife Area was issued a written warning for no inland Trout stamp. A kayaker was issued a written warning at Tampier Lake for no valid water usage stamp.

During this reporting period, CPOT Sanford performed patrols at numerous sites throughout Cook County. CPO Sanford performed numerous fishing compliance checks, resulting in 5 citations and 5 written warnings

for fishing without a valid sport fishing license, 5 written warnings for no valid inland Trout/Salmon stamp, 1 written warning for unlawful use of a third sport fishing device (limit 2), and 1 written warning for fishing license not in possession.

CPOT Sanford located 2 subjects entering a posted closed/restricted area in William Powers State Park. Both subjects were issued a written warning for the violation.

CPOT Sanford located a subject in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia at Sag Quarries, on Cook County Forest Preserve property. The cannabis and paraphernalia were seized, and the subject was issued a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPOT Sanford located a subject fishing from a kayak on Lake Opeka in Des Plaines. After a boat registration and safety inspection was performed, the subject was found to have 3 violations. The subject was cited for no wearable PFD on board the kayak. The subject was also issued 2 written warnings for no water usage stamp and no valid sport fishing license.

CPOT Sanford conducted traffic enforcement in William Powers State Park, resulting in a motorist receiving a written warning for traveling 32 MPH in a 15 MPH zone.

CPOT Sanford and CPOT Snodgrass conducted several fishing compliance checks at Montrose Harbor. The compliance checks resulted in 1 citation and 2 written warnings for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPOT Sanford and CPOT Snodgrass conducted a traffic stop on 2 vehicles for street racing. Both subjects were issued written warnings for speeding, improper lane usage, and failure to signal when changing lanes.

CPOT Snodgrass worked Belleau Lake during the opening day of Trout season. One subject was issued a written warning for no valid inland Trout stamp.

CPOT Snodgrass observed a vehicle traveling on Lake Shore Drive at a high rate of speed swerving in and out of traffic and failing to signal when changing lanes. The subject was issued a citation for improper lane usage.

CPOT Snodgrass conducted several fishing compliance checks at Montrose Harbor. A Michigan man was issued a written warning for no Lake Michigan Salmon stamp.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled several Cook County forest preserve Lakes and issued 1 fishing citation and a warning for no inland trout stamp.

CPOT Snodgrass issued 1 citation and 3 warnings for fishing violations at various forest preserve lakes.

CPOT Snodgrass patrolled Maple Lake and issued 3 warnings for fishing without valid fishing licenses.

CPOT Snodgrass patrolled the Worth boat launch where he issued a citation for an unnumbered watercraft and a warning for no type IV throwable flotation device.

While on patrol at the Alsip boat launch, CPOT Snodgrass issued 4 written warnings for boat violations.

Sgt. Whitchurch and CPOT Snodgrass assisted ISP with the recovery attempts of a missing person in the North Shore Channel in Lincolnwood, Illinois.

CPO Mooi assisted CPOT Snodgrass with compliance checks at lakes stocked with inland Trout.

CPO Mooi issued three citations to a commercial trapper out of Indiana, completing a year-long investigation, that included assistance from the Illinois Attorney General's Office and Conservation Officers and Game Wardens from Georgia, Colorado, Arizona and Utah.

CPO Vadbunker was conducting a K-9 detail with the DEA and Amtrak Police. Two subjects fled and abandoned two bags containing a total of 95.5 grams of cannabis. An alert was also made on another subject's bag, which was found to contain \$20,000 in cash and a small amount of steroid pills. The cash, pills, and cannabis were seized. Charges are pending.

CPO Vadbunker met with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office at court and had to take drug evidence to the ISP crime lab and convince them to test it within the week in order for the SA's Office to not drop the felony charges against one of her previous arrests.

DuPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi observed a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed on I-290 in DuPage County. The vehicle passed the marked squad, and CPO Mooi's moving radar registered a speed of 95 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver was unable to produce a valid proof of insurance. The driver was arrested for speeding 35 mph or more over the posted speed limit.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the DuPage River on foot and came across two fishermen who got stuck in the mud trying to access a popular spot for Small Mouth Bass along the river. After helping the fishermen out of the mud, a compliance check uncovered expired fishing licenses. CPO Mooi issued written warnings to the two fishermen.

CPO Mooi investigated a trapping complaint in DuPage County. The complainant stated that the property owner left on vacation and the trap had been set off by a raccoon, which had been in the trap for three days. CPO Mooi contacted the property owner who admitted to being out of town and left the trap set. The property owner stated that they were using a commercial service and provided the information. Enforcement action against the commercial trapper is pending.

CPO Mooi observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed on the shoulder of I-355. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was found to have a suspended license and no insurance. A records check also indicated that the driver had an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license and reckless driving out of Will County. The driver was arrested and taken to Will County jail.

LAKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Greuel and CPO Wellum cited a Terre Haute man for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and drugs and a boat equipment violation (insufficient PFDs) on Mill Creek. The two passengers were cited for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

CPO Wellum issued two salvage deer tags to a Clark County man.

CPO Wellum completed a boat registration investigation for a Clark County man.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody wrote several citations and warnings at local lakes for fishing violations.

CPO Barnes issued a citation to a Mattoon man for fishing without a license at Lake Paradise.

CPO Barnes attended a Coles County hunter safety class at Lakeland College.

CPO Greuel cited an Arthur man for failure to release a Short Largemouth Bass at Lake Paradise.

CPOs Mieure and Moody spoke to the Lake Land College Criminal Justice Club on the duties of a Conservation Police Officer.

CPO Greuel cited a Charleston woman driving for 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum received a complaint from a Cumberland County man in reference to a neighbor altering a waterway which in turn is flooding his property. After walking the property with the complainant, CPO Wellum referred the complainant to the Office of Water Resources in Springfield.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to an Edgar County man.

CPO Wellum issued a Vermillion County Man a fishing citation for fishing without a sport fishing license at Twin Lakes.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

While checking fishermen on Lake Shelbyville, CPO Moody issued a civil citation to a Mattoon man for possession of cannabis.

CPO Moody cited an Arthur man for no life jacket on his boat as well as multiple other written warnings for boating violations on Lake Shelbyville.

CPOs Moody and Barnes responded to a complaint from the US Corps of Engineers of two men dumping items into Lake Shelbyville thereby causing a hazard. Both men were cited for pollution of a waterway.

Sgt. McReynolds investigated an incidental deer kill and issued a salvage tag to a Moultrie County man.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Shelbyville man for pollution of a waterway on the Little Wabash River.

CPO Greuel arrested an Altamont man who was fishing on Lake Shelbyville on an outstanding warrant. The two subjects with him were cited for no valid fishing license.

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds responded to a 911 call of a boat in trouble below the Lake Shelbyville Dam. They assisted three Chicago area individuals boating on the Kaskaskia River who had lost power and were unable to escape the undertow at the Lake Shelbyville Dam. The boaters were thrown a line and pulled away from the dam. The Shelby County Dive team and Shelbyville Fire Department assisted. The operator, a Brookfield man, was cited for insufficient personal flotation devices on the watercraft.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito received a tip of two men camping east of the hot water ditch at Clinton Lake. CPO Viverito located a tent and awoke two white males from Bloomington. The men were issued citations for camping in an undesignated area.

Sgt. Williamson and CPOT Ausmus were patrolling at Clinton Lake State Park. They pulled into the Silo access and noticed a white sedan parked in an area restricted to fishing. CPOT Ausmus issued the Bloomington man a

warning while Sgt. Williamson contacted CPO Viverito. CPO Viverito arrived on scene and deployed K9 Hank. Hank indicated on the vehicle which was then searched. The man also received a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Wright checked many boats and fishermen on Clinton Lake. PFD violations, fishing licenses and short fish violations were found.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON

No activity reported for this county

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright observed a male and female from Decatur fishing at the dam. When the female spotted CPO Wright she immediately threw a bag in the water. The female admitted to having drugs on her. Both the male and female did not have fishing licenses. The female was issued a citation for pollution of waterway and a written warning for the fishing license violation. The male was issued a written warning for the fishing license violation.

McLEAN COUNTY

On Friday, April 07, 2017, at approximately 4:53 PM, ISP D6 Dispatch broadcast a BOLO for a 2004, silver, Pontiac Grand AM. According to the BOLO, the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed, passing into on-coming traffic, and nearly caused a head-on crash. The last known direction of travel was eastbound on IL Rt. 136 from Heyworth, IL. No complainant information was known. At the time of the broadcast, CPO Matt Graden #401 was in the area of the complaint. He located the vehicle and made a traffic stop for traveling 88 MPH in a posted 55 MPH zone. The female driver from Champaign, IL confided she was speeding. When confronted with the reckless driving allegation, she reiterated the fact that she was speeding; however, she denied driving recklessly. The driver was issued a citation for Speeding - 88 MPH in a posted 55 MPH zone (33 MPH over the limit). She was assigned a mandatory date to appear in McLean County Court and posted her Illinois driver's license as bond.

During the afternoon of Sunday, April 09, CPO Matt Graden conducted sport fishing compliance checks at Evergreen Lake, Lake Bloomington, and Dawson Lake. Several written warnings were issued for no fishing license violations. The fishermen were reminded it's time to renew their fishing licenses.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a Chicago resident for entering a gated and posted closed area in Kickapoo State Park.

CPO Cottrell cited a Vermilion County resident for no wearable life jackets in addition to 4 additional boat warnings while patrolling Vermilion County Forest Glen Preserve.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

Acting off a tip, CPO Wheatley investigated a Quincy man who was reported to be in possession of an untagged deer. After a short field interview, CPO Wheatley found the man had shot a previously wounded deer and failed to obtain a tag or report the deer harvest. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wheatley traveled to Quincy for a Mississippi River Flood Action Plan meeting sponsored by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley interviewed a Bowen man in reference to an on-going case regarding the unlawful taking of two Whitetail buck deer. A teleconference with Missouri Conservation Agents and the suspect resulted in the man admitting to taking the two bucks unlawfully. The suspect later gave a written statement and received a total of 4 citations and 4 written warnings for the violations.

CPO Wheatley investigated an anonymous tip regarding a meat market offering for sale and selling wild deer meat. An inspection was conducted. No permit was found to allow this. Appropriate action was taken.

CPO Wheatley responded to a call for service from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office regarding an injured deer near Carthage. The deer was located and dispatched due to severe injuries related to a vehicle accident.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOs Weishaupt and Gushleff investigated a complaint of a stolen vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park. A man, who reported himself as homeless, stated two acquaintances who were traveling with him stole his newly purchased vehicle while he was taking a shower in the campground shower house. The man reported the subjects also stole his wallet and cell phone but left behind his clothes and a few other personal belongings in the parking lot. The man knew very little about the vehicle other than the make and color because he had not yet transferred the paperwork and title. Officers Weishaupt and Gushleff were able to obtain the vehicle information from the previous owner and had the vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen. Officer Gushleff gave the man a ride to a friend's house in Alton.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park as he suspected the driver to be intoxicated. The driver, an 18 year old girl, showed signs of alcohol impairment. She was also in possession of open alcohol, cannabis and drug paraphernalia. CPO Goetten discovered she had previously been arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor. She was again arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten finalized an investigation into three non-resident hunters. With the assistance of DNR officers from Indiana and West Virginia, one subject was discovered to have unlawfully harvested a large buck in Indiana. Two additional deer were unlawfully harvested by the subjects in Clark County, Illinois. CPO Goetten filed charges against all three subjects in Illinois. Additional charges are pending by the Indiana DNR.

CPO Goetten assisted the Jersey County Sheriff's Department with searching for a wanted subject who fled a traffic stop. The suspect was located and arrested without incident.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff gave a hunter safety class presentation on laws and regulations to a class of students at the Macoupin County Farm Bureau building in Carlinville.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakeley was busy with the opening day of the north zone turkey season in Schuyler County. He observed a UTV driving in a field with two hunters dressed in camo. He was able to make contact with the two non-residents turkey hunters and found one of the hunters was holding two uncased loaded shotguns while the other hunter was operating the UTV. The two subjects were issued citations for the uncased loaded shotguns.

CPO Blakeley observed two other hunters dressed in camo driving a UTV on a gravel road in Schuyler County. Upon inspection, the two subjects were found to be transporting two uncased shotguns. Further

inspection of the hunters revealed one of the them was hunting with an unplugged shotgun. The two hunters were issued multiple warnings, and the subject with the unplugged gun was issued a citation.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wichern attended a hunter safety class in Beardstown where 38 students successfully completed their hunting and trapping training to obtain their first hunting license.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Bettis attended a hunter safety class in Emden where 10 students successfully completed their hunting and trapping training to obtain their first hunting license.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Bettis, Macias and Wichern worked alongside Springfield PD and several rescue volunteers to assist in the body recovery of a boating accident victim.

CPO Macias was patrolling Lake Springfield and ran into a subject fishing who could not find his license. The subject told CPO Macias he had bought one “a few days ago”. After asking where and when the license was purchased, the subject could not remember. After a check on the online system, it was determined the subject did not renew his license for the year. A citation was issued.

CPO Macias attended Aimpoint firearms training at the ISP shooting range. Aimpoint instructors were specifically requested for his training. CPO Macias is not only gaining valuable training for deployment of a

new optic on his issued rifle, but is also receiving training in order to train other officers in his district on the new optic.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Wichern attended a hunter safety class in Winchester where 21 students successfully completed their hunting and trapping training to obtain their first hunting license.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley made contact with two subjects in a vehicle at the Eldon Hazlet State Park campgrounds. A few days earlier, the male and female occupants of the vehicle were reported to both be in the women's shower house and were involved in a disturbance. Upon speaking with them, Tapley could smell the odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. The female driver was found to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia and a white powder suspected to be a controlled substance. The powder will be sent to the crime laboratory for analysis. The female was written a civil law citation and released.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement along the Kaskaskia River by the General Dean suspension bridge, CPO Rolfingsmeier checked a fisherman who did not have a valid fishing license. CPO Rolfingsmeier ran the fisherman's information through ISP dispatch, The fisherman was wanted on 2 warrants, one out of Alton for domestic battery and one out of Washington County for failure to appear in court of a traffic offense. The fisherman was arrested and brought to the Clinton County jail. The fisherman was also cited for fishing without a valid license

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French arrested a Brooklyn subject for a felony forgery warrant.

CPO French arrested a Granite City subject on a failure to appear warrant.

CPO French cited two Missouri subject for snagging in closed waters on the Mississippi River in order to take Paddlefish. The fish were returned to the water.

CPO French cited two fishermen for fishing without a license. One fishermen was also cited for not having a valid driver's license, having no insurance and using the registration of another person.

CPO French arrested a St Louis subject on two warrants in Horseshoe Lake State Park, one being a felony fugitive warrant.

CPO French arrested a Granite City subject on an aggravated battery warrant.

CPO French was in a foot chase with a Granite City subject wanted on battery and criminal damage to property charges. CPO French tackled the subject and took him into custody. He was additionally charged with resisting arrest and fishing without a fishing license.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner expended a considerable amount of time over an 11 day period covertly observing a commercial fisherman on the Kaskaskia River. Some of the violations committed by the commercial fisherman and subsequently documented by CPO Schachner were: littering on multiple occasions, violating the no wake zones on multiple occasions, no contrasting registration on watercraft, failure to check nets and empty them of catch within a 72 hour time-frame, no name and address on commercial gear and checking nets licensed to another commercial fisherman without that commercial fisherman present/aboard the boat. CPO Schachner subsequently interviewed the commercial fisherman on the river. The fisherman was honest and forthright regarding the violations and received two citations and numerous warnings.

MONTGOMERY

No activity reported for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers assisted the Randolph County Sheriff's Department in the search for a subject who fled from a fatal traffic crash accident that occurred east of Percy. The subject was located near the scene.

CPO Ralph Sievers has been removing tree stands that have been left unattended on the Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area, Turkey Bluffs Fish and Wildlife Area and the Randolph County Recreational Area. The tree stands were seized due to the following administrative rules violations that applies to these three sites: It is unlawful to construct or use any tree stand using nails, screws or any device which pierces or cuts the bark of the tree on which it is installed. Only one tree stand or ground blind is allowed per deer permit holder. Tree stands and ground blinds may be left unattended from September 15 through January 31 at these sites as long as they are legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO Rolfingsmeier were finishing a boat patrol when they received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle in a nearby parking lot on State property. CPO Schachner initiated a stop on the vehicle (which had no registration) as it left the parking lot. The driver attempted to conceal cannabis, which she had started smoking upon driving out of the parking area. There were also two very young children present in the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed the driver to be in possession of cannabis, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. In addition, there was no valid registration or vehicle insurance for the vehicle. CPO Rolfingsmeier also located drug paraphernalia in the passenger's possession. The driver was jailed at Randolph County jail on several charges including felony methamphetamine possession. The

passenger was released on a civil citation for the drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed, and the children were removed from the scene by a family member who arrived to transport them.

CPO Charles was on patrol at Peabody River King checking fishermen with his patrol boat. CPO Charles checked two fishermen fishing out of a boat and determined the fishermen were in possession of two undersized Sauger and two undersized Largemouth Bass. The boat they were fishing out of did not have all required safety equipment. The fishermen were cited for failure to immediately release undersized fish and issued written warnings for the safety equipment.

CPO Liebl received a complaint about non-resident hunters possibly hunting without valid turkey permits. The hunters were located and found to possess valid turkey permits, but one hunter did not have a valid hunting license or habitat stamp. The other hunter was unlawfully using a crossbow to hunt turkeys. Both hunters were cited for their violations.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a citation to a boater on Benton City Lake for failure to transfer certificate of number. The boater had purchased the boat 5-6 months ago and was operating it on the previous owners registration numbers which expire in 2018.

CPO Lay cited a man for fishing at Rend Lake without a license.

CPO Lay investigated and issued an unlawful dumping/littering citation to a man for dumping trash on Rend Lake property.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a complaint of a subject trespassing and potentially cutting timber on a neighbor's property.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan attended a hunter safety class at Rend Lake Sporting Goods. Fifty students were in attendance.

CPO Jourdan arrested a Bluford man for transporting an uncased, loaded shotgun on his 4-wheeler while turkey hunting.

CPO Jourdan checked a group of 3 turkey hunters in Jefferson County. Two birds were harvested by the group of men. One of the men claimed he killed one bird, and his buddy's wife killed the other. The wife was not present. It was determined she was at work and did not hunt that morning. The husband admitted killing the bird and using his wife's landowner permit to tag it. One of the other men did not have a turkey permit in his possession. A citation was issued for possession of another's permit in the field, and a warning was issued for no permit in possession.

CPO Jourdan arrested a man at a Rend Lake access area for unlawful transportation of alcohol by a driver. The man appeared to be relieving himself. The man denied doing so when asked if that was the case. An open bottle of whiskey was visible in his cup holder. The man smelled of alcohol. He said he was checking on fishing spots. He then stated he was relieving himself when asked what he was doing outside his vehicle.

CPO Lay made an appearance at a hunter safety course in Ina. Over 30 students were in attendance.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff conducted a timber truck inspection and found no violations.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff received a complaint of an individual hunting without permission. CPO Schoenhoff made contact with the subject for an interview. Citations were issued for hunting without permission, failure to wear blaze orange during gun deer season, no non-resident hunting license, and no habitat stamp.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Robert Compton attended a hunter safety class.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPOT Roper cited two subjects for turkey hunting at the Crawford County Conservation Area with no valid turkey permit.

CPOT Roper issued two warnings to subjects for mushroom hunting prior to 1:00 p.m. at the Crawford County Conservation Area.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Robert Compton conducted a boat safety inspection of a watercraft at Fillmore Lake. No safety equipment was in the boat. The adult boat operator did not have a valid fishing license, and CPO Compton discovered the subject's fishing privileges were suspended for failure to pay child support. A search of the subject revealed a turkey call in his pocket. The subject admitted to turkey hunting earlier in the day during the youth season with his son. Due to the failure to pay child support, his hunting privileges were also suspended. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded firearm in the console. Multiple citations and warnings were issued.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MARION COUNTY

CPO Tapley was on his way to check fishermen at Raccoon Lake in Centralia when he ran a registration check on a vehicle in front of him. The male registered owner had a suspended driver's license. A traffic stop was made, and the male driver was found to have a suspended driver's license and no vehicle insurance. Two citations were issued and the vehicle was towed.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman participated with volunteers in the 14th annual Lake Kinkaid Clean-Up. Two truckloads of trash were removed from the lake's shoreline.

CPO Mohrman cited four subjects for operating motor vehicles off the roadway at the Kinkaid Lake Spillway picnic area. This site has repeatedly been damaged by subjects "mudding".

Sgt. Taylor and CPO Mohrman attended a Friends of Giant City State Park meeting. The topic of the meeting with the group was the upcoming solar eclipse and the role this volunteer group will have with the large crowds expected.

CPO Somers and Sgt Taylor responded to a call of a sunken boat with people in the water. Two subjects were in a small jon boat on Cedar Lake. A large wave, due to 30+ mph winds, went over the front of the boat and swamped it. The boat eventually sank. The two subjects were picked up by a passing boat and taken to shore. No injuries were reported

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Somers and Sgt Taylor responded to a call in Ferne Clyffe State Park. A 16 year-old female fell approximately 30-40 feet from the top of the waterfalls. She was airlifted to the Deaconess Trauma Center in Evansville, IN.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis assisted the Perry County Sheriff's Department with a trespassing complaint. Three subjects were located on the property in question fishing without permission of the landowner. At the landowner's request, the fishermen were each charged with fishing without permission. In addition to the fishing without permission charges, two of the subjects were issued written warnings for no fishing license, and one subject was arrested by Perry County on an outstanding warrant.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers arrested an individual for driving while license suspended.

CPO Vasicek issued one citation to a subject who purchased an archery deer permit after he killed 2 deer last fall. He only had one permit.

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